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- On 5 March 1953, 26 tanks including 12 T-34 tanks passed through Templin toward Beutel. On 6 March, 12 JS tanks were unloaded at the Templin railroad station. At about 9 p.m. on 6 March, two troop trains, each of 100 axles, carrying infantry and trucks ammunition and food rations were unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station. 25X1
- From 20 February to 1 March, no troops arrived at, or were dispatched from, the Altplacht firing range via Beutel, Roeddelin and Densow. Troops conducted firing with live ammunition with artillery, tanks, mortars and rocket launchers and made practice attacks at platoon and company level, supported by up to 10 T-34/85 tanks. Tank driving practice, such as obstacle driving, and taking of steep slopes, ditches was observed in forest sections Nos 43, 44, and 45. Tent camps with JS tank and an armored vehicle were determined in forest sections Nos 43, 53 and 54. Three diving school trucks were seen in the localities of Templin, Densow, Beutel and Annenwalde. 25X1

- Comment. seven troop trains went from Oranienburg to Vogelsang from 2 to 6 March 1953. It is assumed that the movement refers to the final transfer to Templin of units of the 25th Tank Div from Oranienburg, as it appeared that the Oranienburg concentration camp had to be vacated for the Volkspolizei. 25X1

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The report indicates that combat firing practice and driving practice was continued at the Templin troop training grounds during the entire month of February. [REDACTED] most of the troops there were units of the 25th Tank Div. Vehicles of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, of the 63d AAA Div (US) and of the GOFG were also observed. Motor vehicles of the Second Gds Army apparently were in the troop training grounds only during driving practice.

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